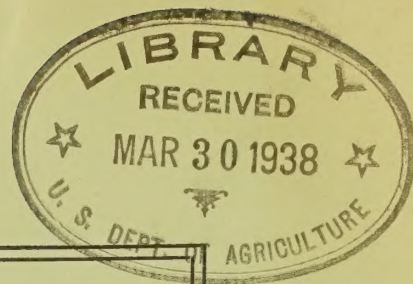


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## Negro Extension Work

Extension activities with negroes in Louisiana have centered principally in the sections of the largest negro farming population but limited service has been rendered also to those living in other sections of the State.

Although the territory assigned to each of the local agents is too large for most effective work, the agents are to be commended for the results which they have achieved with the assistance of specialists in the service.

Many of the problems confronting negro farmers in the improvement of farming and home life are similar to those of white farmers. However, the Negro is limited in many cases because of inferior land and the lack of facilities.

Negro farmers have been encouraged to break away from the one-crop system of farming and to conserve enough food to fit the family needs. Thus the old practice of living from the corner store is being modified. Just how far the negroes have gone with this extension program of diversification and just how effective are the results, may be determined by reading the individual reports submitted by each colored agent.

There are ten colored local men agents who serve 26 parishes and there are 7 local women agents serving 11 parishes. These agents work under the direction of T. J. Jordan, state agent in negro work. Edward F. Purvis is a special agent in soil erosion work and is located at Calhoun, Ouachita parish.

### NEGROES

#### APPOINTMENTS MADE DURING 1935.

##### MEN

Booker D. Harrison, September 1.

A. M. Lloyd, September 1.

Edward F. Purvis, September 1.

O. M. Amacker resigned and replaced by Leon Robinson, March 1.

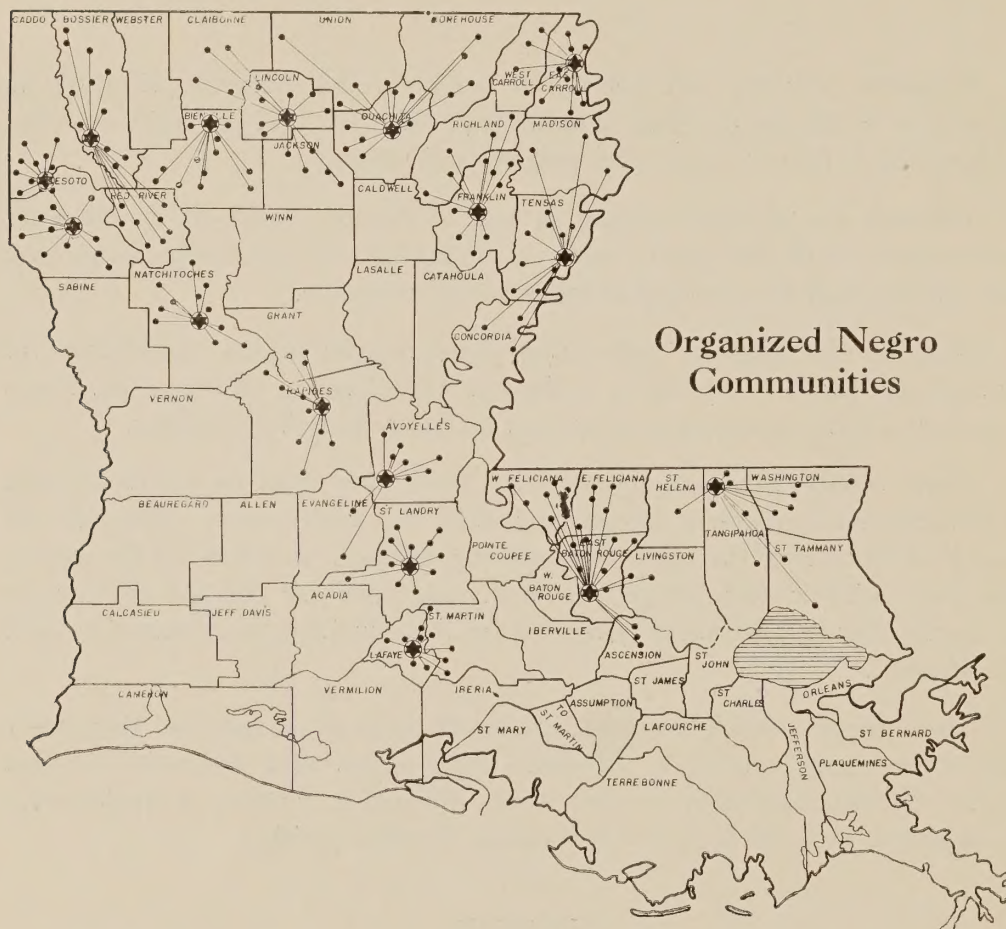
##### WOMEN

Ruby Fisher, September 1.

Rosa Lee Gunn, September 1.

Zolee Marbles, September 1.

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### Organized Negro Communities

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#### Legend



..... Headquarters of Local Agent.



..... Organized Negro Communities.

NOTE: The radiating lines join the individual communities to their respective agent headquarters.



## Negro Extension Work

### Allocation of Districts and Communities Served

Agent: F. B. BOTTOM

District: Lincoln, Claiborne, Jackson

**Communities:**

Mount Zion No. 3	Fellowship	Robinson	Mount Superior
Pleasant Grove	Spring Hill	Adams Chapel	Point Pleasant
Mount Zion No. 2	Mount Morah	Saint Rest No. 1	Masidonia
Liberty Hill	Forest Grove	Center Springs	Saint Rest No. 2

Agent: A. G. FACEN

District: Ouachita, Morehouse, Union

**Communities:**

Lillie	Jones	Mineral Springs	Sterlington
Center	Cherry Hill No. 1	St. John	Chambers
Spencer	Cherry Hill No. 2	Britton	Oliver
Lane Chapee	Sweethome	Pleny	

Agent: S. W. JONES

District: Bossier, Red River

**Communities:**

Williams	St. Mary No. 2	Calvary	Bossier City Com.
Morgan Bayou	Springville	Princeton	Benton Com.
St. Matthew	Grand Bayou	M'Hill	C'burg
Elizabeth	Galilee	Koran	Ford Com.
St. Mary No. 1	Longview	Indian Hill	

Agent: M. A. MAGEE

District: St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Washington, St. Tammany

**Communities:**

Union Training	Bladesfield	Star Creek	Franklinton
Midway	Cross Roads	Jamerson Creek	Bethel
Tangipahoa	Folesome	Live Oak	
Wilmer	Lacombe	Bell View	

Agent: J. E. RINGGOLD

District: East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, Livingston, Ascension

**Communities:**

Eastern Star	Rose Hill	Prairieville	Hickory Grove
Cheneyville	Norwood	Smith	Polk
Mills	Brooks	Gonzales	Elm Park
Port Hudson	Wilson	Tunica	Union Bethel
Alsen	McKowen	Beech Grove	Denham Springs
Davis-Dyer	Syeors	Laurel Hill	Walker

Agent: BOOKER HARRISON

District: Caddo

**Communities:**

Mt. Olive	Keithville	Cross Road
Fairview	Hall Grove	Liberty
Daisy Grove	Springhill	White

Agent: LEON ROBINSON

District: St. Landry

## Communities:

Eunice	Port Barre	Garland	Frilot Cove
Bellevue	Waxia	Grand Prairie	Plaisance
Sunset	Washington	Plaquemine Point	
Prairie Laurent	Palmetto	Gradnigo Island	

Agent: CHARLEY THOMPSON

District: Rapides, Grant

## Communities:

Mt. Pleasant	Melder	Glenmora	Lawoth
Mt. Zion	New Zion	Bridge	
Woodworth	Rapides	Lamouri	

Agent: L. J. WASHINGTON

District: Franklin, Richland

## Communities:

Pleasant Green	Ellis Place	Pardue	St. Mathews
Lloyd	Buckner	Hollywood	Egypt
Martin	Holly Grove	Mitchner	
Crowville	Ft. Necessity	Holly Ridge	

Agent: JOSHUA LLOYD

District: Tensas, Madison, Concordia

## Communities:

Shackleford	Balworat	Loamland	Frogmore
Newellridge	Dickartridge	Lake St. John	Talla Bena
Newlight	Springhill	Scotland	Mounds

Agent: AMELIA CARTER

District: Natchitoches

## Communities:

Grand Ecore	Bayou Three Leagues	Bethel	Bolden
Boggy Bayou	St. Saviour	Bayou Borbeaux NE	
Shady Grove	Burton	Bayou Borbeaux SE	

Agent: JERUSHIA GRIFFIN

District: East Carroll, West Carroll

## Communities:

Milliken	Monticello	Transylvania	Jerusalem
Waddill	Sondheimer	New Transylvania	

Agent: STAZZIE HUDSON

District: DeSoto

## Communities:

Good Hope	St. John	New Zion	N. Bethlehem
Shiloh	Shady Grove	Old Zion	Mt. Olive
St. Paul	Trenton	Funston	S. Keatchie

Agent: VALLYE JORDAN

District: Bienville

## Communities:

Taylor	Mt. Lebanon	Castor	Shady Grove
Wilson	Johnson No. 1	Baltimore	
St. Duty	Roberson	Midway	
Sailes	St. Mary	Pleasant Hill	



Agent: RUBY FISHER

District: Evangeline, Avoyelles

Communities:

Bunkie  
Evergreen  
Long Bridge

Moreauville  
Lutherlike  
Mamou

Gum Ridge  
Marksville  
Hickory Hill

Chicat

Agent: ROSA L. GUINN

District: Lafayette, St. Martin

Communities:

Fightinville  
Armauldville

Breaux Bridge  
St. Martinville

Cade  
Parks

Agent: ZOLEE MARBLES

District: Rapides, Grant

Communities:

Lawoth  
Melder  
Mt. Zion

Bridge  
Glenmora  
New Zion

Woodworth  
Rapides  
Lamouri

Mt. Pleasant

## Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Livingston, and West Feliciana Parishes

J. E. RINGGOLD, *Local Agent*

There are 22 organized Self-Help Leagues in the five parishes, with a membership of 540 and about 800 cooperators. The league members meet monthly and give reports on the progress of work that is being done in each community. In addition to the Self-Help Leagues, there are 22 well-organized 4-H clubs composed of 445 members.

There are 22 communities carrying out a program of extension work. Four-H club members carry on projects along the same line as adults. The agent, with the aid of three or four local leaders in a community, makes a survey of the needs of improved methods and practices. These needs are discussed in Self-Help League meetings and projects are put on to demonstrate these improved methods and practices. Much valuable service has been given the agent by State Agent T. J. Jordan.

This year, six community and two parish fairs were held. Exhibits were taken to the South Louisiana State Fair at Donaldsonville and the Louisiana State Fair at Shreveport. East Feliciana parish fair officials turned the fair grounds over to the colored people one day with the understanding that money had to be made to pay all premiums and expenses incurred. Enough money was collected to defray the expenses and \$26.40 was left in the treasury. There were 110 persons who exhibited products and 4,000 were in attendance.

During the year the agent made 1,103 farm and home visits, conducted 53 training meetings for local leaders, held 132 method demonstration meetings, assisted with 30 tours and assisted in 104 other meetings of an extension nature.

## Bienville and Webster Parishes

VALLYE C. JORDAN, *Home Demonstration Agent*

There are seven wards in Bienville parish and six wards in Webster. The agent has organizations perfected in two communities in one ward and in one community in each of the other six wards, making a total of eight communities in Bienville parish, and six in Webster. There are 14 4-H clubs in the two parishes and 12 Self-Help Leagues. The 4-H clubs have 10 men and 18 women leaders, while the Self-Help Leagues have 23 men and 69 women leaders. The total 4-H club enrollment is 160 boys and 304 girls. There are 247 members of the Self-Help Leagues. The agent visits these organizations monthly and gives demonstrations and information where necessary along the lines of the projects undertaken.

Under the garden and beautification of home grounds projects 272 4-H club members enrolled and 160 completed; 165 adults enrolled. Results show 36 homes used insect control, 22 4-H club members constructed hotbeds and cold frames, and 53 method demonstration meetings were held.





1. T. M. Campbell, field representative in extension work for negroes U. S. D. A., seated on steps in foreground; T. J. Jordan, state agent, at extreme left watching Miss Gladys Tappan, district agent, work with Stazzie Hudson, colored home agent. 2. Poultry culling demonstration being given by Charles Thompson (marked with x) local agent in Rapides Parish. 3. Canning meat being demonstrated. 4. Stazzie Hudson, local agent, (marked by x) giving 4-H girls instructions in dressmaking.



The agent devoted 22 days to poultry work. There were 21 leaders in the poultry project. There were 126 4-H club members enrolled, with 78 completing. There were 87 adults enrolled. Four-H club members raised 644 chickens.

There were 142 4-H club members enrolled in food preservation and 118 completed; 170 adults were enrolled. Thirteen meetings were held by leaders. A total of 13,889 quarts of fruits and vegetables was canned by adult club members while 3,424 quarts were canned by 4-H club members.

During National Negro Health Week the 464 4-H club members, enrolled in health and sanitation, participated in some way. There were 27 homes which reported controlling flies.

Four fairs and one club achievement day were held.

### **Bossier and Red River Parishes**

**S. W. JONES, *Local Agent***

Extension work in Bossier and Red River parishes is divided into two groups; adult farmers and 4-H clubs. There are 230 leaders cooperating with 1,165 farmers and 434 4-H club members.

There were 58 farmers and 4-H club members who completed demonstrations in growing corn. Forty-three club members produced 605 bushels of corn on 43 acres. There were 43 demonstrations completed with soybeans planted as a companion crop to corn. The soybeans were cut for hay.

Thirteen demonstrations were conducted with cowpeas, 46 demonstrations completed in growing sweet potatoes, 34 demonstrations conducted in peanut culture and 23 completed in growing cotton.

There were 98 individuals who grew year-round gardens, an increase of 27 over last year.

Soil erosion was the outstanding demonstration conducted under the engineering phase of extension work. This work was done on 15 farms in 15 different communities. Leaders were trained in each community in both parishes to "terrace" and to repair machinery about their farms.

There were 56 demonstrations conducted with swine. Forty-three club boys and girls secured purebred pigs. Much emphasis was placed on proper feeding, pastures, and disease control by vaccinating. Farmers learned to slaughter animals, cut, and cure meat.

Fifty-four families received information on preservation of food. They were taught to can fruits, vegetables, meats, jams, and jellies. Pressure cookers were used in all demonstrations given in food preservation.

### **Claiborne, Jackson, and Lincoln Parishes**

**F. B. BOTTOM, *Local Agent***

The training of local leaders has played an important part in the program of work this year. All meetings, farm and home visits, tours, and short courses have centered around the principle of training local leaders.

Six special leader training meetings were held with 353 leaders in attendance. In the presence of the agent and specialists there were 89 method demonstrations held with local leaders in charge. Twelve result demonstrations were held.

More people are being reached through extension work and better living conditions are being developed by the help of local leaders, who are trained by the agent and specialists. There were 618 farm and home visits made in following up the local leaders in their work of visiting demonstrations and giving method demonstrations.

Four-H club work has shown great advancement; 18 clubs were organized with 448 members enrolled. One short course and an encampment were held this year for 4-H club members and local leaders. This was the first encampment and club members were very enthusiastic over this new phase of club work.

The second session of the North Louisiana Recreation Association was held at the Louisiana Negro Normal at Grambling, December 11-14, under the direction of Dr. J. S. Knapp, recreation leader of New York City. Eighteen parishes sent representatives to this recreational school.

The program of work for the three parishes was developed with the help of the Self-Help League, 4-H clubs, churches, schools and relief agencies.

## De Soto Parish

STAZZIE HUDSON, *Home Demonstration Agent*

In DeSoto parish the agent works with 16 4-H clubs, with an enrollment of 452 members. There were 337 completions. There are 16 Self-Help Leagues with an enrollment of 719 members. Two of the district clubs organized in 1934 are still functioning, enabling the agent to reach approximately 2,000 people who would not be reached otherwise. The adult groups have 169 project leaders and the 4-H clubs have 30 adult and 4-H club members serving as leaders.

There were 600 adults enrolled in gardening. Of this number, 279 grew year-round gardens. An added feature to gardening was a series of garden shows held in eight communities during May. There were 317 people who exhibited with a total of more than 800 entries.

Thirty-seven demonstrations were given in home beautification. There were 96 4-H club members who grew flowers according to plans; 13 landscape plans were made; 574 trees planted; 367 club members grew flowers, and 2,728 planted flowers during National Negro Health Week. Seven hundred fences were repaired.

The agent devoted 68 days to the preservation of foods. Food preservation leaders reported reaching 801 women not enrolled in active clubs. Four-H club members were required to can 24 quarts, consisting of two varieties of vegetables and three varieties of fruit. Most club members reported canning more than this amount. In the parish a total of 39,954 quarts of food was conserved, valued at \$14,352.31. The agent's booth at the Louisiana State Fair featured drying and was awarded first prize.

Clothing was started as a major project but not much time was given to it. Results were: 70 garments cleaned; 55 dyed; 211 remodeled; 365 garments made by adults, and 72 garments made by 4-H club members.

Other projects taken were gardening, health and sanitation, poultry and home management.

Three community night organizations have carried out the monthly programs sent out by Miss Mims. One meeting was held at Mansfield prior to the Folk School. At this meeting 47 ministers discussed plans for getting people to attend the Folk School. Prizes were offered to the minister bringing the largest group each day for three days. The Reverend Tyler from Bethlehem community won the prize of 26 cans of fruits and vegetables.

There were 223 leaders who attended the training school at Gloster Vocational School and 13 4-H club members, with six leaders attended the short course at Southern University. The DeSoto parish group was awarded first place for conducting the best model club meeting and was credited with being the most outstanding group.

## **Madison Parish**

**JERUSHIA GRIFFIN, *Home Demonstration Agent***

There are four organized home demonstration clubs and four 4-H clubs in Madison Parish, with 161 members enrolled.

There is a Tri-Parish Fair Association which is composed of East Carroll, Madison, and Tensas parishes. Each year a number of prizes are won by club exhibitors at the Louisiana Delta Fair at Tallulah and the State Fair held at Shreveport.

There were 131 year-round gardens grown by women and girls. An average of two new vegetables were grown and served. There were 13,892 quarts of fruits and vegetables canned by club members.

Meal planning has been carried out by 131 families; 24 increased the size of their gardens, and three reported planning meals to prevent pellagra. A total of 393 persons was reached by nutrition practices.

## **Morehouse Parish**

**A. G. FACEN, *Local Agent***

There are four organized communities in the parish, and each sets up its own program of work, with the assistance of the agent. This is done through the Self-Help League.

During the month of February one leader training meeting was held. At this meeting, specialists trained 23 local leaders in agronomy, poultry, swine, canning, and horticulture.

Projects carried on with the 64 members of 4-H clubs were mostly home gardens, poultry, and corn. Eighteen members enrolled in poultry; 13 completed and raised 483 birds.



A three-day encampment was held during August, 14 club members attending. The encampment proved to be educational as well as recreational. Boys were taught to make camp cots, farm ice-boxes, and farmhouses, while the girls were given instructions in cooking, clothing, health, and sanitation.

Projects carried out with adult farmers of Morehouse parish were corn, oats, vetch, soybeans, and cowpeas, sweet potatoes, cotton, home gardens, poultry, swine and fruit trees.

The year-round garden has become the watchword among the farmers of the parish. In the four communities there were 167 year-round gardens. Recommended practices were carried out as follows: rotating with legumes, 39; following recommended cultural practices, 147; controlling insects, 129.

Food preservation goes hand in hand with the gardening project. A canning center was established in each organized community and pressure cookers and sealers were provided. With this equipment 11,222 cans of vegetables, fruits, and meats were filled.

## Natchitoches Parish

AMELIA J. CARTER, *Home Demonstration Agent*

The extension program is carried out in the parish by the Home Demonstration Agent working with 14 adult clubs, five 4-H clubs and three irregular adult clubs. There are 14 men and 28 women leaders trained or in the process of being trained by the agent. These are volunteer leaders, and they are distributed three to a community. Through them the major project of gardening has been furthered for the past year.

The agent enrolled 250 women attempting year-round gardens, 200 completing. One hundred women grew assorted flower gardens.

One farm flock and three grow healthy chick demonstrations were conducted, and purebred chicks were introduced in a portion of the parish.

Forty families were taught how to make cheese and butter, and helpful practices were adopted in the care of milk vessels. One hundred twenty-three families were taught how to cut and cure beef.

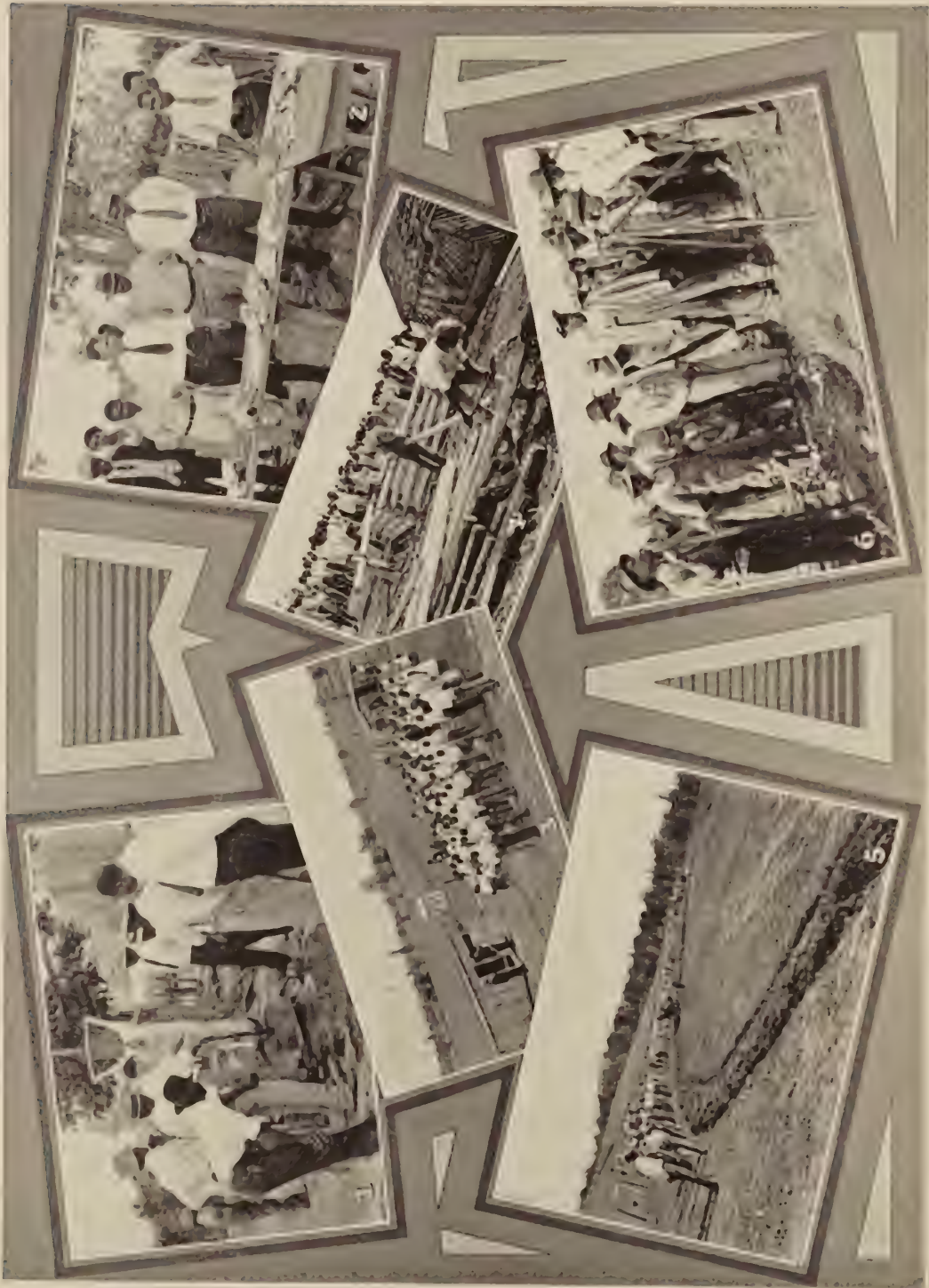
Method demonstrations were given in foods, preservation, clothing, home furnishings, home health and sanitation.

The agent assisted in the parish and state fairs and attended the short course at Southern University, taking 19 persons with her.

## Ouachita Parish

A. G. FACEN, *Local Agent*

In Ouachita parish, 4-H club work has been a decided success this year. There are six clubs with an enrollment of 168 members. There were 151 projects completed. Projects carried in 4-H clubs were gardens, poultry, and corn. Every 4-H club girl was required to carry a home beautification project regardless of what other projects she was taking.



1. Cleaning the carcasses. W. T. Cobb, meat specialist, teaching improved methods in butchering. 2. The finished cuts. 3. Charles Thompson pointing out the advantages of a modern poultry house to club members in Rapides Parish. 4. Making use of nature's material. Building a sweet potato house with peeled pine logs. 5. Laying off a terrace in Red River Parish. S. W. Jones, local county agent, (marked by x) explaining the value of terracing. 6. Learning how to use the terracing instruments. A group of colored farmers from Red River Parish watch S. W. Jones, local agent, setting the first grade stakes.



A feature that was added to 4-H club work this year was the district 4-H club camp. Members of Ouachita parish clubs were fortunate in having this camp located in Mineral Springs community, four miles south of Calhoun. The camp has become a social center for club members of Ouachita, Morehouse, and Union parishes. A three-day encampment was held during the month of August. There were 265 club members from Ouachita parish in attendance. Much educational work was given; however, time was also spent in recreational games.

The farmers of Ouachita parish are beginning to realize the importance of a home garden. In the six organized communities, 384 year-round gardens were grown this year. The success of the gardening program was made possible largely through the assistance of the trained home demonstration agents. Much credit was given Mrs. Jewel McQuiller, home demonstration agent of Ouachita parish, for her untiring efforts in training colored home demonstration agents and assisting in every phase of the gardening program. There were 95 result demonstrations in fall gardens. Special work was given in home beautification. The report shows 87 farm homes with improved grounds.

Seven communities of Ouachita parish were provided with pressure cookers and other equipment for canning all types of vegetables and meats. A canning center was located in each community where canning was to be done and leaders were trained by the agent. As a result of the canning program, 31,200 containers of meats and vegetables were filled.

Other projects taken by Ouachita parish farmers during the year were cotton, sugarcane, sweet potatoes, corn, orchards, agricultural engineering, swine, poultry, and bees.

It is not enough to carry out result demonstrations on an individual farm unless other people in the community know about it and see the results obtained. The best way to convince a person that a certain practice will give better results is to have him visit some individual who has obtained good results from that particular improved practice. Two tours were held at which the various demonstrators were visited and results shown to the groups.

Table

## Ouachita Parish

ZOLEE MARBLES, ROSA LEE GUINN, and RUBY FISHER,  
*Home Demonstration Agents*

During 1935, three home demonstration agents worked in Ouachita parish: Zolee Marbles was located in Britton community, Rosa Lee Guinn in Mineral Springs community, and Ruby Fisher in St. John community.

In Britton community there are 35 families. The people are very fortunate in having an approved high school in this community. The agent selected seven leaders in the garden project. Monthly meetings were held and garden pamphlets on insect control and gardening were distributed monthly. There were 26 year-round gardens with a variety of vegetables. Under the food preservation project,



several method demonstrations were held and a total of 3,170 quarts of foodstuffs was conserved. Club members were very enthusiastic over the home furnishing project. The agent supervised the making of 12 pieces of furniture, the repairing of 15 pieces of furniture and the screening of three houses.

The agent worked in St. John community for five months of 1935. There are only about 25 families in this community, therefore, the agent was able to contact all of them. Projects selected by 4-H club boys and girls were sewing, canning, gardening, home furnishing, and health. Results were: 63 articles made for the home; 480 containers of vegetables canned; one house screened, and 31 garments made. The 4-H clubs held several entertainments to raise money for the district camp and a canning kitchen. Food preservation was a major project chosen by club members. Nine people canned vegetables for the first time. A total of 2,015 cans was filled. Through the agent's efforts, eleven storage pantries were built. Fall gardens followed the canning season. There were 20 good fall gardens and each contained eight or more different vegetables. Special emphasis was placed on insect control.

There are about 65 farm families in Mineral Springs community. The district 4-H club camp is located in this community. With the gardening project, the agent held weekly meetings, distributed monthly garden sheets and gave out insect poison. There were 43 club members who grew one or more new vegetables, and 53 had gardens. Adult club members conserved 5,187 quarts of fruits and vegetables and 4-H club members conserved 167 quarts. Under the home furnishing project, 16 pieces of furniture were repaired, six pieces remodeled, and 13 pieces refinished. The 4-H club girls gave entertainments, thereby raising enough money to screen the home economics building of the Mineral Springs High School.

## Rapides, Grant, and Avoyelles Parishes

CHARLEY THOMPSON, *Local Agent*

Rapides, Grant, and Avoyelles parishes are divided into 53 communities, with a total of 3,725 farmers. The farmers are organized into two groups, 4-H Clubs and Self-Help Leagues, in 11 of the communities. Each organized group has a staff of officers. Monthly meetings are held by the officers, project leaders, and agent.

In Rapides parish there are five organized 4-H clubs with 105 members. There were 25 corn club members, and 33 children supervised home gardens. Under the garden project, insect control and seedbed preparation were the main points emphasized. Other 4-H club projects were poultry, swine, and sweet potatoes.

The chief crops grown by adult farmers of Rapides parish are cotton, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, poultry, soybeans, and alfalfa.

In Grant parish, home gardens were started by 24 children. They were making good headway with the gardens when high water destroyed all of them. Projects with poultry and swine were also interfered with by having to move the livestock to the hills.

The adult work of Grant parish met with the same disaster as did the 4-H club projects. Crops were all ruined by high water. Many homes were vacated for 95 days. It was then too late to plant cotton and some other crops. Corn, peas, beans, and sorghum were soon infested with insects. It is hoped that 1936 will be a better year for the farmers of Grant parish.

In Avoyelles parish three communities were organized as the Farmers' Self-Help League. Cotton is the only cash crop of the parish. Better varieties, insect control, and thorough land preparation were stressed with cotton. Home gardens the year round are advocated throughout the parish. During the year, 820 quarts of fruits and vegetables were canned and 535 pounds of fruit were dried. Oats, corn, soybeans, and sweet potatoes are grown to some extent by Avoyelles farmers.

### **Richland, Franklin, and Tensas Parishes**

**L. J. WASHINGTON, *Local Agent***

In Franklin, Richland, and Tensas parishes there are 21 organized communities in which extension work is being carried on with adult and 4-H clubs. There are 326 leaders in adult work and 14 leaders in 4-H club work. The three parishes combined to organize a district organization, with a corps of officers who meet quarterly for district meetings. Assistance is given from the Baton Rouge office on project activities.

Sweet potatoes supply an important source of home-grown food and feed in these parishes. The production of this crop has greatly increased because of the availability of more land, the use of hotbeds for early slips and improved methods of harvesting and storing. With the potato program, the agent held 11 community meetings, four method demonstrations, and made 14 farm visits.

The outstanding crop is cotton. There are several problems limiting the success of this crop; namely, insects, improper spacing, and inability of farmers to select proper varieties. To combat these problems the local agent conducted 28 result demonstrations, held 15 general meetings, and made 18 farm visits.

Home gardens are of great importance. This project was stressed in order that a year-round garden program could be adopted. The local agent conducted 32 result demonstrations, four method demonstrations, and visited 18 farms.

Agricultural engineering, poultry, and livestock projects were carried in addition to those just mentioned.

There are 236 boys and 220 girls enrolled in 14 organized 4-H clubs in the three parishes. These club members are enrolled in corn, field peas, sweet potatoes, home gardening, and poultry, all carrying on some improved practice in their project. A total of 177 boys and 178 girls completed their projects. Six club leaders and 77 4-H club members attended the short course at Southern University.

During the month of August, project leaders from the three parishes participated in a tour of the Tensas Experiment Station at St. Joseph, under the supervision of Mr. C. B. Haddon, superintendent of the station. Demonstration plots of cotton and corn, planting dates, and fertilizers were explained. Different varieties of sugarcane were displayed and Mr. Haddon gave 1,500 stalks of improved sugarcane to the Loamland community of Tensas parish for demonstration plots.

### **St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington Parishes**

**MYRTIS A. MAGEE, *Local Agent***

In these parishes there are 15 organized communities. There is an enrollment of 114 girls and 67 boys in the 4-H clubs.

The corn project was carried out in 15 communities. There were 26 club members enrolled and 15 leaders. Four method demonstrations were held, also 15 result demonstrations and 18 other meetings. There were 41 farmers who followed recommendations of the agent with the corn project.

High-land rice is being introduced in the hill sections as a part of the live-at-home program. Only one 4-H club member was enrolled in the rice club, and he followed the cultural recommendations of the agent.

The poultry project was carried out in all the organized communities. There were 38 4-H club members enrolled and 15 leaders. There were 17 general meetings, four method, and 15 result demonstrations held.

Under the food preservation project, leaders were trained in each community. Three communities purchased canners and sealers with proceeds from box suppers, selling candy, etc. Two other communities won theirs as booth prizes at parish fairs, and in one community four leaders purchased the equipment and all who used it paid one-eighth toll to repay the leaders. Sixteen families reported canning 3,576 quarts and 2,293 other containers of food.

In six communities, organizations have been set up. At least 90 per cent of the people in each community are present at each meeting. The Self-Help League project leaders act as teachers for these groups. One community house has been built in the Jamerson Creek community. Adults and club members have improved school, church, and cemetery grounds in six communities.

Farmers of these parishes are gradually learning how to select, grade, and display farm products for the fairs that are held annually. Parish fairs were first given but it was found that only a small percentage of the rural people were receiving benefits. Now community fairs are held prior to parish fairs. Most of the people have been reached in this way. St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington parishes participated in 20 fairs this year.



## St. Landry Parish

LEON ROBINSON, *Local Agent*

The organized agencies of the parish through which the extension program has been carried out are 12 community Self-Help Leagues and five organized 4-H clubs.

There is a total of 114 members in the five organized clubs. The projects they carried include cotton, corn, sweet potatoes, soybeans, peanuts, home gardens, canning, poultry, swine, home beautification, sanitation, and orchards. A group of girls and boys represented the parish at the dedication of the 4-H club camp at Calhoun. A small group was in attendance at the 4-H club short course at Southern University. Forty of the project leaders also attended the annual short course.

The production of swine in the parish increased somewhat over last year. Farmers have yet to learn how to cure and store pork properly for the summer months. An attempt has been made to keep down hog cholera. The 23 swine leaders, under the supervision of the agent, inoculated 599 head of hogs for cholera.

Almost all the farmers in St. Landry grow a small garden. The soil in practically all parts of the parish is fertile enough to plant to vegetables. The Garden Suggestions mailed from the Extension Department each month are of great help to the garden leaders and cooperators. The part devoted to insect control has proven most valuable.

Food preservation is a new phase of extension work in the parish. Early in May there were calls from canning leaders for help in canning with pressure cockers. In answer to these calls there were 40 demonstrations and a total of 2,655 containers of vegetables filled. These vegetables included tomatoes, okra, peas, corn, lima beans, beets, and pumpkins. A total of 410 persons attended the canning demonstrations.

## Union Parish

A. G. FACEN, *Local Agent*

Each of the four organized communities in Union parish selected project leaders who would work under the direction of the local agent to head each major farming enterprise. Always this leader is an outstanding farmer who has succeeded in the particular enterprise he has selected.

There are four 4-H clubs in the parish with an enrollment of 113 members. This year 99 projects were completed. A great deal of interest was shown in the poultry project. There were 46 members enrolled and 39 completed, with 1,364 birds raised. Four-H club girls carried a home beautification project in addition to the other projects.

Eight club members attended the three-day encampment at Calhoun.

The agent accomplished the following with farmers who participated in corn projects: spacing in drill, 83; planting pure seed, 10; growing with companion crop, 86; thorough preparation of soil, 105; recommended cultural practices, 141, and field selection of seed, 25.

The soil in Union parish is suitable for sweet potato production. Almost all cooperating farmers raised enough potatoes for home consumption and nine farmers marketed potatoes.

Other projects undertaken by Union parish farmers were cotton, sugarcane, home gardens, food preservation, agricultural engineering, and poultry.

### West Carroll Parish

JERUSHIA P. GRIFFIN, *Home Demonstration Agent*

There are four organized 4-H clubs in West Carroll parish. These clubs took part in the following: National Negro Health Program, leader training schools, short course at Southern University and recreational school at Louisiana Teachers' College, Grambling.

There are five active home demonstration clubs in the parish. Meetings are held twice each month.

There were 135 year-round gardens grown which furnished a surplus of fruits and vegetables for immediate use, canning, preserving, and for making jams and pickles. The agent gave five demonstrations on how to prepare dishes from canned goods. There were 15,418 quarts of fruits and vegetables canned.

There were 82 members enrolled in the poultry project. A total of 325 pure-bred chicks was purchased by club members. Sanitary equipment and home-grown chicken feed are two points that were stressed in poultry work.

In cooperation with the parish health unit, the entire club membership observed National Negro Health Week by attending lectures and removing rubbish from their premises.





